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TAGS: CASC, JM (CROMBIE, RONALD AND HARVEY, BARBARA)

SUBJECT: MEMBERS OF SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE GROUP REPORTED
MISSING

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPORT THAT DR. RONALD CROMBIE,
MS. BARBARA HARVEY AND MR. JEREMEY JACOBS OF THE SMITHSONIAN
INSTITUTE ENTERED THE COCKPIT COUNTRY IN THE TRELAWNY
PARISH OF JAMAICA ON SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1975 ACCOMPANIED BY
TWO LOCAL GUIDES. THE COCKPIT COUNTRY IS A SIZEABLE
UNCHARTED AREA OF LIMESTONE CAVERNS THAT IS LARGELY
UNINHABITED AND CONSIDERED DANGEROUS DUE TO ROCK FALLS,

LANDSLIDES AND THE LIKE.

2. THE PARTY REPORTEDLY GOT INTO DIFFICULTY FOLLOWING
HEAVY RAINS AT 1400 HOURS ON JULY 14, 1975. MR. JACOBS AND
ONE OF THE GUIDES LEFT THE REMAINDER OF THE GROUP WHO
WERE TOO EXHAUSTED TO CONTINUE. MR. JACOBS HAS RETURNED
WITH OTHERS TO SEARCH FOR THOSE LEFT BEHIND, THUS FAR,
UNSUCCESSFULLY.

3. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED POLICE WHO PLAN TO ALERT
MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND CONTACT MRS. JOAN JACOBS
IN MONTEGO BAY WHO IS ORIGINAL INFORMANT.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT INFORM SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE
OF SITUATION.

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